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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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Kevin Tupper

Director, Information Technology

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Manager, Enterprise Information Systems

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Steve R. Frisble, Sheriff McMinn County

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V.P. Logistics, Service and Support

Regional Supply Chain Officer, Nashville/Birmingham



Information Technology Services

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Re: Universal Service Fund

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The Medical Academic and Scientific Community Organization, Inc. (MASCO) - is a non-profit organization established in 1972 by the Hospitals and Colleges in the Longwood Medical Area of Boston for the benefit of patients, students and employees who obtain medical assistance, study and work in the area. I am writing representing four (4) of our major clients that will be adversely affected by this legislation namely, <u>Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dana-Farber Partners Cancer Care and Joslin Diabetes Center of Boston</u>.

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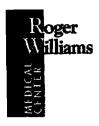
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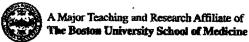
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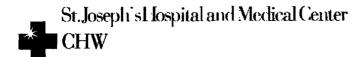
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Friday, October 17, 2008

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Sincerely,

Charles White Safety Director

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Communications Supervisor

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Our agency relies heavily on paging services for public safety communications ranging from emergency response, public and community calls for service, specialty team alerting (i.e. S.W.A.T. and Bomb), and other security communications. Today, we pay less than ten cents per month in USF charges for each pager, and often less than five cents. Replacing these revenue-based charges with a flat \$1.00 charge would dramatically raise our costs, causing our organization to revisit its use of the services. At a time when our budgets are already stretched and in an uncertain economy, this is not a welcome change.

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Sincerely,

Douglas N. Darr, Sheriff Adams County



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October 23, 2008

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Sincerely,

Régér Zaremba Chief Technology Officer Saint Luke's Health System



October 23, 2008

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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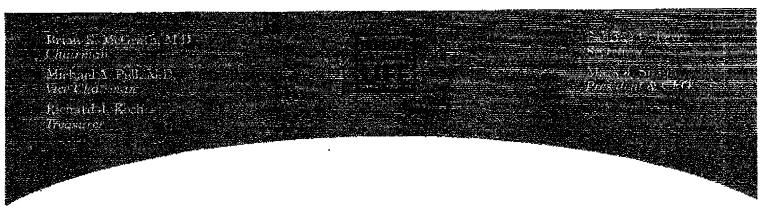
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Sincerely

Robert P. Graves

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October 22, 2008

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We have been made aware that the FCC is considering revisions in the Universal Service Fund (USF) contribution methodology that could have an adverse impact on our organization's ability to maintain response standards for our local hospitals. It is our understanding that certain components of these revisions, if applied to paging services, would lead to significantly increased costs as the carriers will seek to pass through those costs to their customers.

Our organization relies heavily on paging services communication for our on call and management team members who perform donor related services to our local hospitals. Today, we pay less than 10 cents per month in USF charges for each pager, and often less than 5 cents. Replacing these revenue-based charges with a flat \$1.00 charge would dramatically raise our costs (by as much as 30% overall) for these services, causing our organization to revisit its use of the services. At a time when our budgets are already stretched and in an uncertain economy, this is not a welcome surprise.

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Sincerely, Margaret Countino

Margaret Cosentino

Vice President of Information Systems



October 21, 2008

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Visiting Nursing Association of WNY, INC.

VNA Home Care

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Sincerely.

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Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

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October 23, 2008

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Sincerely.

Barbara Knox

Purchasing Manager and

USA Mobility Account Manager



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Sincerely,

Tom Colvin

Director of Communications

JPS Health Network

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October 23, 2008

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Sincerely,

Ron Brannan

Chief Information Officer



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Sincerely,

Collen Bisson



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October 21, 2008

Kevin Martin Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Because of the increased costs, we may need to re-evaluate our communication strategy. These revisions could force us to reduce our communications usage, diminishing our ability to respond promptly to urgent situations. For these reasons, we urge you to reconsider the changes to the USF contribution methodology.

Respectfully,

Carol K. Haggerty

Director of Telecommunications



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Communication Technologies

October 21, 2008

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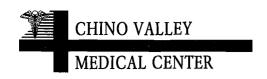
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Sincerely,

Deborah J. Larson

Voice Communications Manager

Sentara Healthcare



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October 20, 2008

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Sincerely

Jeffrey Cox

Information Technology Department

Chino Valley Medical Center



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CUSTOMER SUPPORT BUREAU/CUSTOMER SERVICE

October 20, 2008

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We have been made aware that the FCC is considering revisions in the Universal Service Fund (USF) contribution methodology that, according to our review, may have an adverse impact on our organization's ability to maintain emergency response standards. It is our understanding that certain components of these revisions, if applied to paging services, would lead to significantly increased costs as the carriers will pass through those costs to their customers.

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We are in the business of public safety. We understand the USF goals are also aligned with the public interest as the USF helps defray the cost of telephone service in rural areas and for lowincome consumers as well as provides subsidies to schools, libraries, and rural health clinics. However, we feel these revisions will run counter to the interests of the public. Therefore we urge you to reconsider the changes taking into account the adverse impact they may cause for public safety issues.

Sincerely,

Stacie Gerden Stacie Jerden

System Support Specialist II

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FCC USF Contribution



October 20, 2008

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely.

James M Angiulo

System Director, Telecommunications

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October 20, 2008

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Sincerely,

Linda Edmonds

Chairperson, Clarian Paging Affiliates

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October 21, 2008

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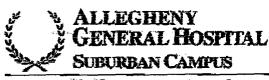
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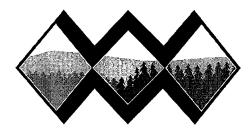
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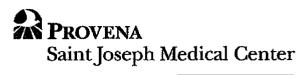
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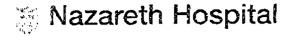
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Sincerely,

Timothy Costello Telecommunications Manager North Philadelphia Health System



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October 20, 2008

Kevin Martin Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

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Telecommunications Manger



City of Naperville Police Department 1350 Aurora Ave. Naperville, IL 60540

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Sincerely.

Kirk Mahlen

Chief Information Officer

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Advocate Health Centers

October 21, 2008

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Director of Operations, Advocate Health Centers

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Saint Therese Medical Center
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Medical Center

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Sincerely,

Linda Atristain

Manager of Switchboard/Answering Service

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October 22, 2008



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Sincerely,
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Network Director Supply Chain Management



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October 22, 2008

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Santee Cooper relies heavily on paging services for communicating to our staff in the field. Today, we pay 11 cents per month in USF charges for each pager. Santee Cooper currently has 1, 146 pagers. Replacing these revenue-based charges with a flat \$1.00 charge would dramatically raise our costs for these services, causing our organization to revisit its use of the services. At a time when budgets are already stretched and in an uncertain economy, this is not a welcome surprise.

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Sincerely,

Rick Jarrel

Manager, Information Technology



October 21,2008

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Director of Telecommunications



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10-22-2008

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Sincerely,

Steve Farrell

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StDavid's Medical Center

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Sincerely,

Sandra Hadley

Division Voice Services Manager

HCA Healthcare

Central and West Texas Division

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We are in the business of providing services to the public. We understand the USF goals are also aligned with the public interest as the USF helps defray the cost of telephone service in rural areas and for low-income consumers as well as provides subsidies to schools, libraries, and rural health clinics. However, we feel these revisions will run counter to the interests of the public. Therefore we urge you to reconsider the changes taking into account the adverse impact they may cause in the healthcare community.

Sincerely,

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